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Develop and demonstrate fuel cell power system technologies for transportation, stationary, and portable applications.

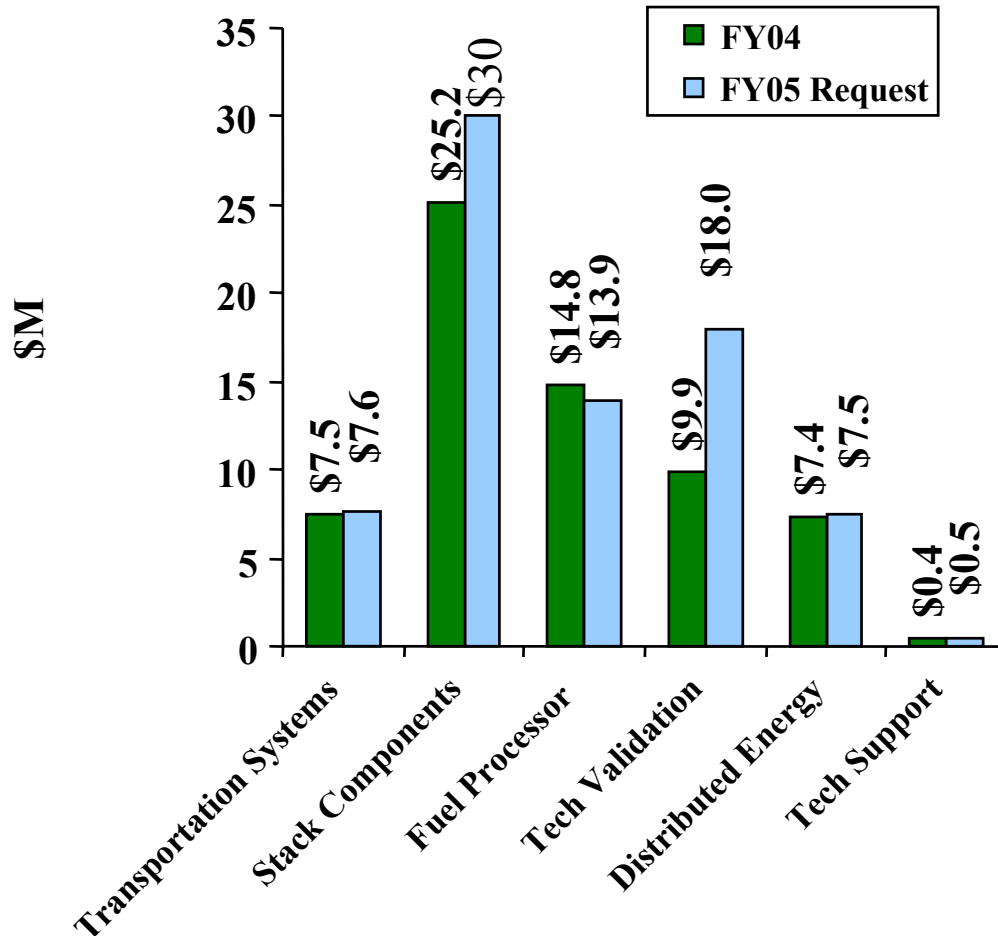
1. Develop a 60% efficient, durable, direct hydrogen fuel cell power system for transportation at a cost of \$45/kW by 2010 and \$30/kW by 2015.
2. Develop a 45% efficient reformer-based fuel cell power system for transportation operating on clean hydrocarbon or alcohol-based fuel that meets emissions standards, a startup time of 30 s, and a projected manufactured cost of \$45/kW by 2010 and \$30/kW by 2015.
3. Develop a distributed generation PEM fuel cell system operating on natural gas or propane that achieves 40% electrical efficiency and 40,000 hours durability at \$400-\$750/kW by 2010.
4. Develop a fuel cell system for consumer electronics with an energy density of 1,000 Wh/L by 2010.
5. Develop a fuel cell system for auxiliary power units (3-30kW) with specific power of 150 W/kg and a power density of 170 W/L by 2010.



Fuel Cell R&D Budget

FY 2005 Budget Request = \$77.5M

FY 2004 Appropriation = \$65.2M



- **Emphasis:**

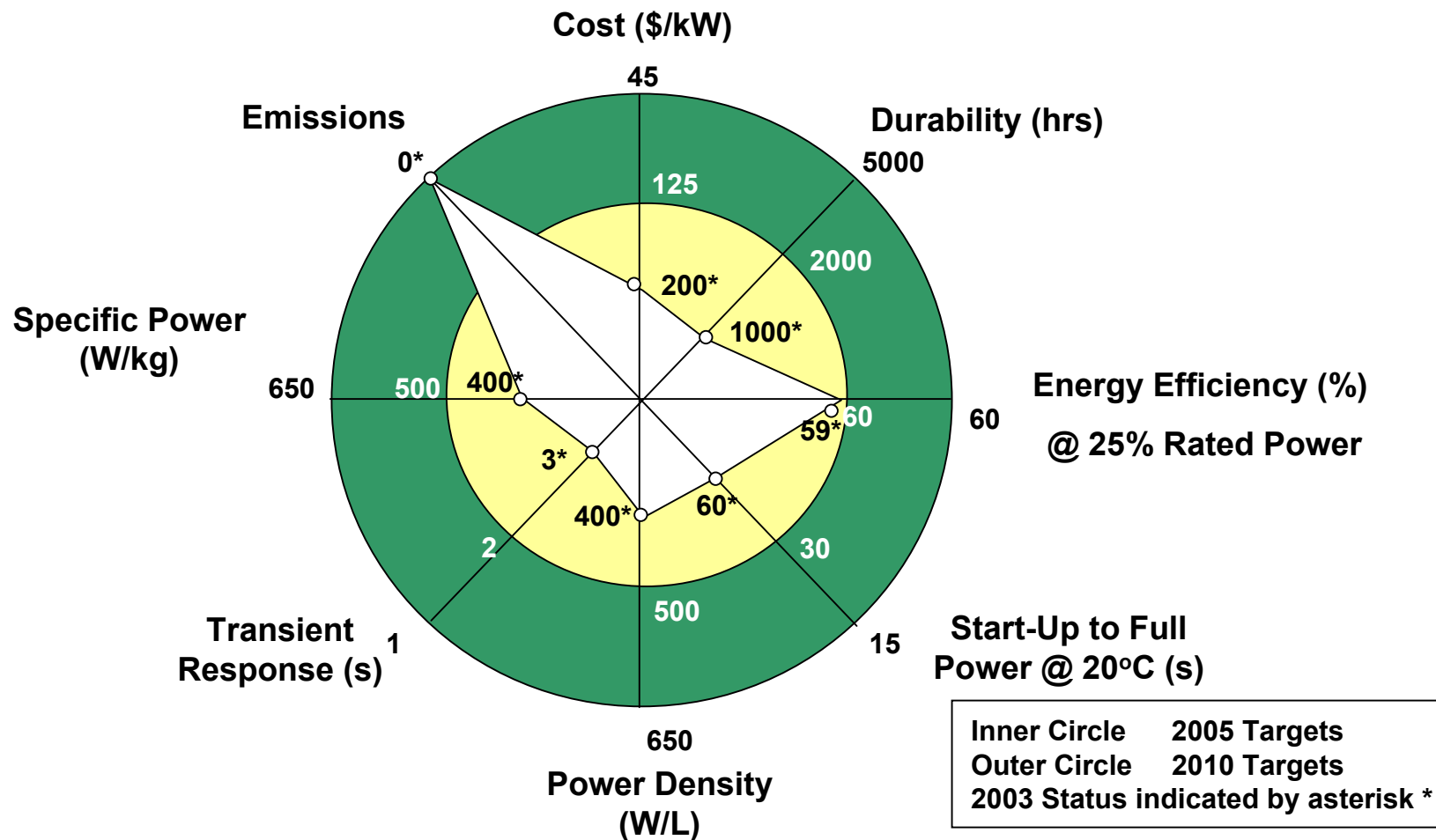
- Advanced membrane R&D to improve durability and tolerance to feed gas impurities, increase performance at low relative humidity, and lower cost
- Advanced catalyst R&D to improve performance, reduce platinum loading, and develop non-platinum catalysts
- High efficiency Polymer Electrolyte Membranes for Stationary Fuel Cell Power Systems
- Auxiliary Power Units for heavy vehicle applications
- Demonstrations validating performance, durability, & reliability
- Stationary reforming, auxiliary power reforming and fundamental fuel processing R&D

- **Budget Obligations:**

Industry R&D Contracts	\$36.5M
Laboratory R&D	\$20.0M
Technology Validation	\$18.0M
Auxiliary power solicitation	\$ 3.0M
Total	\$77.5M

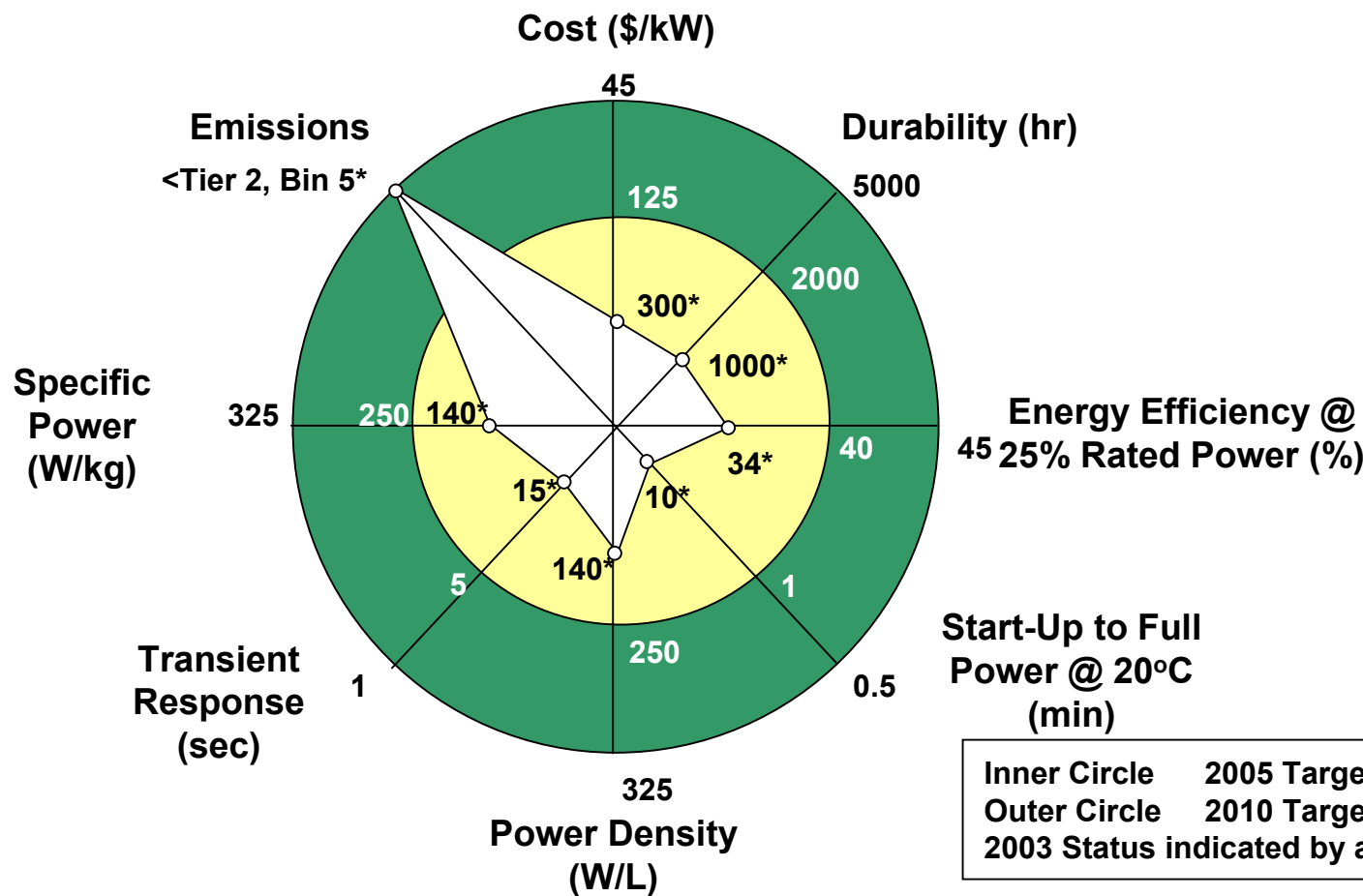


Direct-Hydrogen Fuel Cell System





Gasoline Reformer Fuel Cell System





Key Barriers

13 Individual Barriers detailed in the Multi-year Plan

Recurring Themes

- Cost
- Durability
- Thermal and Water Management
 - Waste heat rejection
 - Waste heat utilization
 - Minimization of supporting systems
- Performance
 - Efficiency
 - Extreme temperature operation
 - Start-up and transient operation

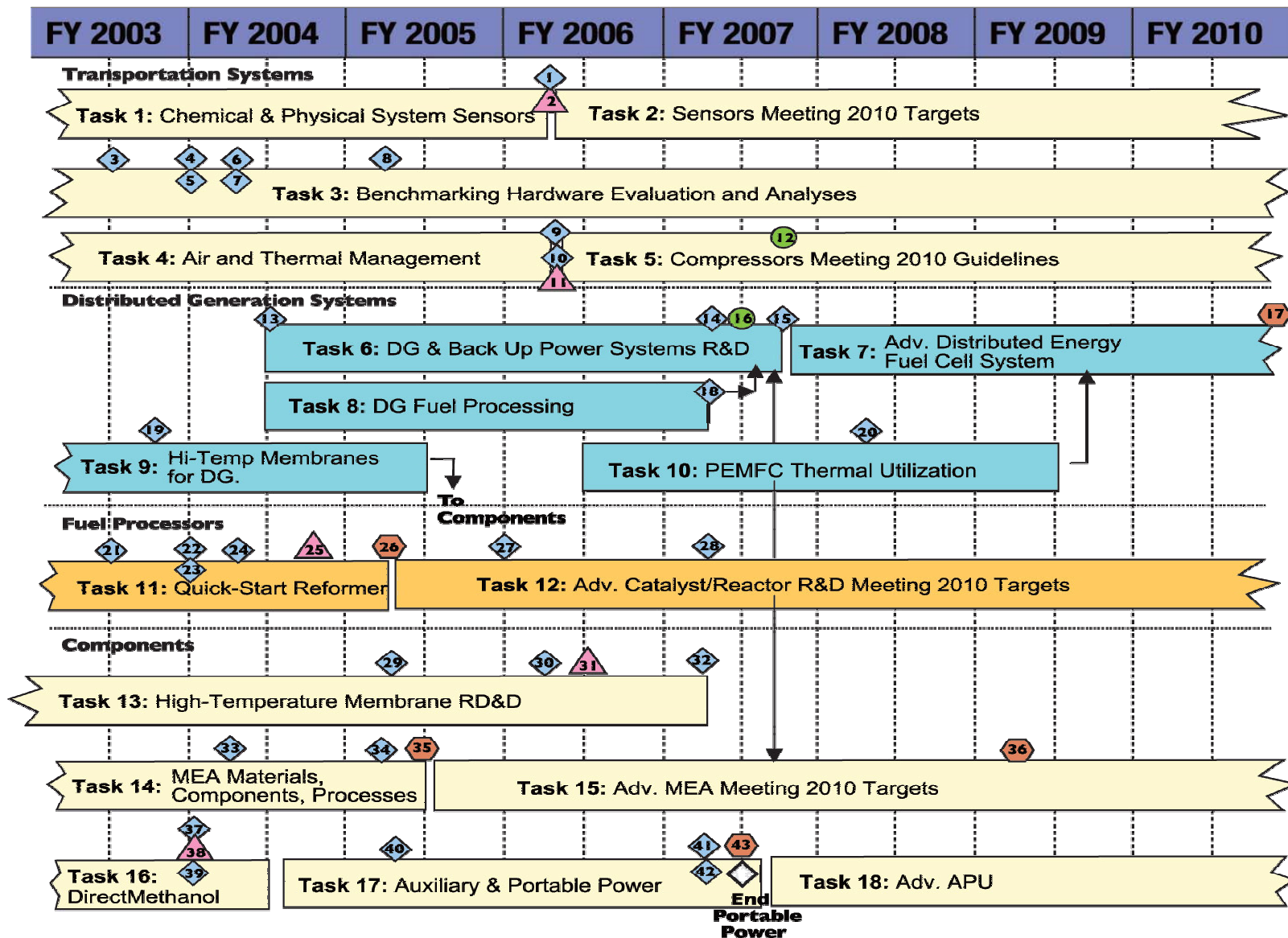


Approach

- Work with industry partners to identify technical issues, establish goals, objectives and targets, and evaluate progress
- Focus on high risk R&D to remove barriers to commercialization
- Structure program to involve industry, academia and national labs, including teaming arrangements. Compete projects under cost-shared agreements.
- Structure appropriate programmatic timetables and project schedules with go/no-go decisions, milestones, and deliverables
- Measure progress regularly in a peer-reviewed process



Schedule and Milestones





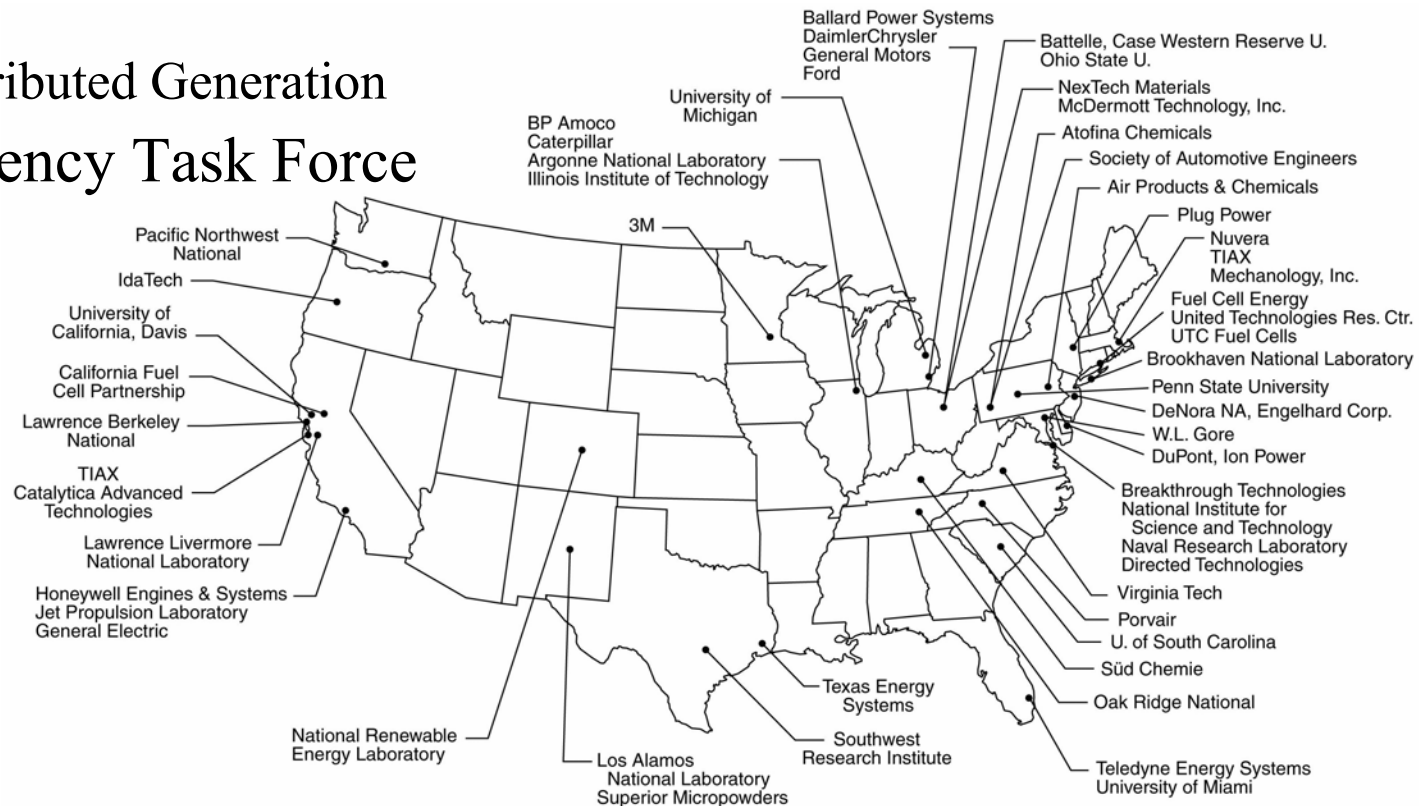
Accomplishments

- LANL demonstrated 1000 hours fuel cell operation with ultra-low Pt loading (0.02 mg Pt/cm^2) in the anode (2005 total loading goal: 0.6 g/kW).
- ORNL transitioned metallic bipolar plate nitriding process to stainless steel materials with good initial results.
- 3M project and initial Dow results show improved membrane durability.
- ANL-led industry/lab fuel processing project made excellent progress toward demonstrating 60 s start-up.
- DeNora demonstrated a membrane with proton conductivity $>0.1 \text{ S/cm}$ at $<25\%$ relative humidity at 120°C .
- UTC demonstrated Pt alloy catalysts with significant performance improvements.



Interactions & Collaborations

- Office of Fossil Energy
 - Coordination with SECA program
 - Office of Science
 - Basic research efforts
 - EERE
 - Distributed Generation
 - Interagency Task Force
- Universities
 - Industry
 - Gov. Labs
 - IPHE & IEA
 - IAPG
 - States
 - FreedomCAR
 - H₂ Fuel Initiative





Results of DOE Solicitations

- Last month Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham announced selections of \$350M in projects supporting:
 - Hydrogen storage R&D
 - Fuel cells for consumer electronics and APUs
 - Hydrogen Education
 - Vehicle and Infrastructure Learning Demonstrations



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Recent Awards

Fuel Cells for Consumer Electronics, APUs and Off-Road Transportation

Organization	Amount	Description
Cummins Power Generation	\$3.0 million over 3 years	Solid oxide fuel cell power system for auxiliary power units for Class 7/Class 8 trucks.
Delphi Automotive Systems, LLC	\$3.0 million over 3 years	Solid oxide fuel cell power system for auxiliary power unit for the trucking industry.
IdaTech, LLC	\$1.0 million over 3 years	PEM fuel cell systems for off-road applications.
MTI MicroFuel Cells Inc.	\$3.0 million over 3 years	Direct methanol micro fuel cell technology for consumer electronics.
PolyFuel, Inc.	\$3.0 million over 3 years	Fuel cell power systems for consumer electronics.



History

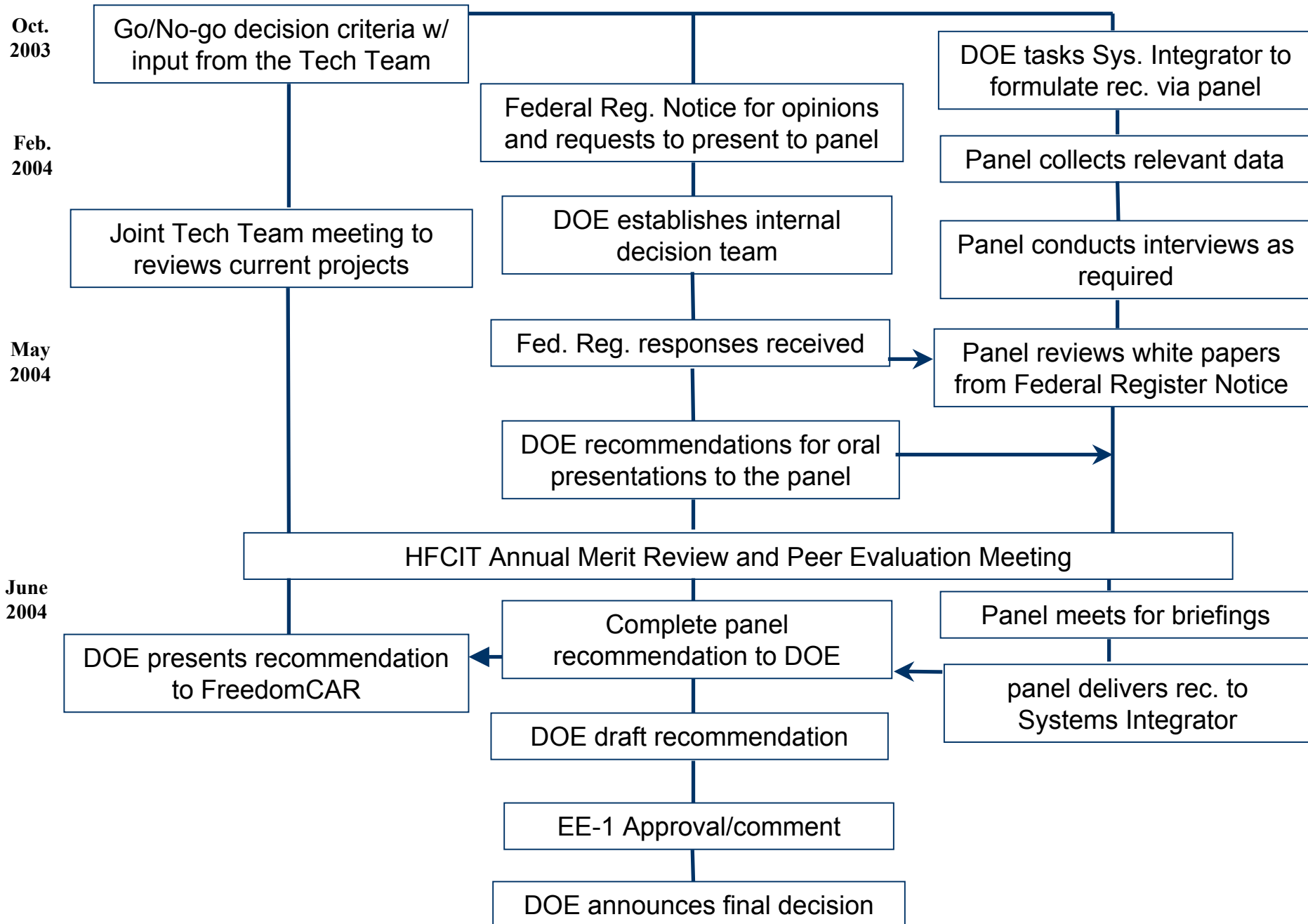
- Fuel Flexible On-Board Fuel Processing R&D began in 1992
- Focus has been on partial oxidation, catalytic partial oxidation, and autothermal
- Major successes
- Major barriers remain (cost, start-up, durability)
- Go/No-Go decision concept developed from sense that development activities were not narrowing the gap to the targets on a time scale appropriate for a bridging technology



Fuel Processing Go/No-Go Criteria

Attribute	Units	2004 Demo Criteria	Ultimate Target
Transient	s	<5, 10% to 90% and 90% to 10%	<1, 10% to 90% and 90% to 10%
Start-up Time (20°C)	s	<60 to 90% traction power	<2 to 10%, <30 to 90%
Start-up Energy	MJ/50kW _e	<2	<2
Efficiency	%	78	>80
Power density	W/L	700	2,000
Durability	hours	2000 and >50 stop/starts	5,000 and 20,000 starts
Sulfur Tolerance	ppb	<50 out from 30 ppm in	<10 out from 30 ppm in
Turndown, cost	ratio \$/kW _e	20:1 n/a	>50:1 <10

Go/No-Go Decision Flow Chart





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- **Vernon Roan:** Retired professor, University of Florida. Former member of the NAS PNGV review committee.
 - **Bill Ernst:** Senior Scientist at Plug Power.
 - **Richard Bellows:** Former Exxon and UTC Senior Scientist.
 - **Jim Richardson:** Professor of Chemical Engineering at the University of Houston.
 - **Jim Fletcher:** Mechanical Engineering Professor at the U. of North Florida. Formerly w/ Georgetown Bus project, UTC and Excellsis.



Future Directions

- DOE considering NRC report recommendation to discontinue stationary systems development.
- Want to explore ways to leverage our continued focus on applied research of components with expanded Office of Science fundamental work supporting fuel cells.
- Implement Go/No-Go decision.